GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1554
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NHRC SUGGESTION TO COURTS AND UNION GOVERNMENT
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has recently given some suggestions to the Courts and the Government to make the laws regarding jail reforms, malnutrition, beggary, prohibition of dowry etc., more effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the NHRC has recently issued notice to the top officials of various State Governments in the country regarding violation of human rights as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated November 7, 2007; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Taking suo moto cognizance of newspaper report published in Dainik Jagran dated 01.11.2007 about begging by villagers (Adiwasis) in Madhubani District of Bihar due to poverty, the National Human Rights Commission, a statutory body set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, has directed the Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar and District Magistrate, Madhubani, Bihar to send the factual report to the Commission. Under the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, the NHRC is empowered to issue directions/ recommendations to various State authorities.